



FFP Summary of Changes for FY 2017 APS

Overall Summary

The draft APS has been significantly revised with the intent of making it more user-friendly and more direct about the types of information FFP wants to see from applicants. The APS has been updated to cover more market strengthening and complementary activities. FFP is introducing new mandatory indicators for longer-term programming, as well as a revised format for narrative reporting, while also seeking to clarify some of the FFP MIS data entry requirements.

All detailed changes are listed by the section that they fall under in the draft APS:

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

1. Added language under program objectives to link to the FFP Strategy.
2. Added "protracted crisis" to list of response types.
3. Added language on international procurement and new source/origin policy.
4. Added "market strengthening" as a food security modality.
5. Changed name of category *Complementary Services* to *Complementary Activities*.
6. Added reference to OFDA *Guidelines for Proposals* technical chapters related to *complementary activities*.
7. Added categories of potential complementary activities under the 20% threshold:
 - a. WASH
 - b. Coordination Support
 - c. Social Cohesion

II. AWARD INFORMATION

No major changes to this section.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

No major changes to this section.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Revised Concept Paper Project Overview Table
2. Revised concept paper emergency description to emphasize:
 - a. Food security indicators (predictive and outcome-based)
 - b. Scale and context
 - c. Gap analysis and coordination



3. Revised Concept Paper Rationale justifications:

Old Criteria	New Criteria
Market Appropriateness	Market Appropriateness
Timeliness	Feasibility
Cost Effectiveness	Program Objectives
	Cost Efficiency

4. Moved Concept Paper evaluation criteria to follow immediately after Concept Paper contents.
5. Revised Full Application overview table.
6. Full Application Emergency justification changes conveyed from concept paper.
7. Eliminated Geographic Targeting and Duration as stand-alone sections (now covered in Project Overview Table.)
8. Gender and conflict sensitivity moved to sub-categories under Participants.
9. Stronger language to emphasize targeting based on need, not status alone.
10. Changed "Management and Logistics" section to "Operations and Logistics", and moved operational details out of Project Design and Description into new Operations and Logistics category.
11. Commodity safety language re-written in entirety.
12. Narrative application sections substantially rewritten.
13. Moved M&E out of application into annex.
14. Added risk assessment annex; provided link to Remote Cash Project site for example.
15. Added language requiring baselines and evaluations except in the event of rapid on-set disasters and programs less than 10 months.
16. Added requirement to utilize Food Consumption Score indicator in baselines, monitoring and evaluations.
17. Environmental requirements for emergency projects updated.
18. Revised market section to have more modality neutral language, except where specifics are needed.
19. Added language on storage capacity and disincentives to production.
20. Added file naming convention for consistency

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

Moved "Past Performance" section in line with ADS 303.

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Realigned LRP/Cash Transfer tables with FPMIS reporting tables.
2. Added standard header for reports and 5 page max recommended length.
3. Added new structure for narrative reporting:



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- a. Programming Context
 - b. Challenges
 - c. Programming Outputs
 - d. Programming Performance
 - e. Planned Activities
 - f. Success Stories (as relevant)
4. Added language in application and quarterly reporting sections about optional use of market price thresholds
 5. Add language on use of nutrition indicators

VII. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Added link to OFDA technical guidance on Agriculture and Food Security, Humanitarian Coordination, Nutrition, and WASH in the *OFDA Guidelines for Proposals* as a reference for complementary activities.